

### **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

The *Office Action* dated February 6, 2004 has been carefully reviewed, together with the patent reference cited in the rejection of the claims. For the reasons set forth below, it is believed that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

#### **Allowed Claims**

Claims 13-28 are allowed over the prior art of record.

#### **Allowable Claims**

Claims 5, 6 and 8 are indicated by the Examiner as being drawn to allowable subject matter, and would be fully allowed if prepared in independent form.

#### **Global Amendment**

The claims of the application have been amended to substitute the word "communication line" (line) for the word "telephone." This amendment of the claims enlarges the scope thereof, and thus is not for the purpose of patentability.

#### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-4, 7 and 9 - 11 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 3,886,408 by Klayum et al.

The subject matter of Claim 1 has been incorporated into allowable claim 6. Claim 1 has



been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of Claim 1 has been overcome. The dependency of the other claims has been changed to reflect the cancellation of independent Claim 1. The change of dependency of the various claims does not constitute amendment for the purpose of patentability.

Claims 2 , 3 and 9 have been canceled.

The rejected dependent claims are now believed to be allowable, in view that the independent Claim 6 is allowable.

#### **Rejections Under 35 USC §103**

Claim 12 is rejected as being made obvious by the Klayum et al patent, in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,876,621 by Rust et al.

Claim 12 is believed to be patentable for the same reasons as claim 6.

#### **Conclusion**

From the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections, and grant full allowance of the application.

The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502112/TCCR-24,985 for the firm CHAUZA & HANDLEY, L.L.P.

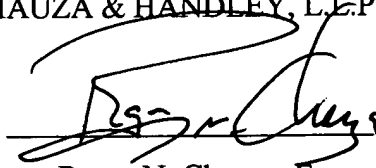
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